

## State of Tennessee

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Ms. Joanna Elmore Undergraduate The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga UCF Foundation, Room 5612 718 McCallie Avenue Chattanoga, TN 37403

Subject: **Permit No. SOP-13007** 

**Nash Dairy Company** 

Chapel Hill, Bedford County, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Elmore:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your concerns about the permit that was issued to Nash Dairy. While the public comment period for this permit has closed and the permit has been issued, I wanted to take a minute to address a couple of your concerns. The permit issued by the Division of Water Resources (division) does not authorize Nash Dairy to pump sewage or any waste into Clem Creek or any other streams. In addition, operation of Nash Dairy in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit and the approved nutrient management plan should prevent any waste from entering waters of the state and thus the facility is not expected to contribute to pollution of any waters of the state.

For your reference, I've attached a copy of the final permit which was issued to Nash Dairy. In addition to containing a copy of the complete permit terms and conditions and the permit rationale, it also contains the Addendum to Rationale and Response to Comments, which addresses many of the issues mentioned in your letter.

If you have questions, please contact the Columbia Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Ms. Erin O'Brien at (615) 253-2245 or by E-mail at *Erin.O'Brien@tn.gov*.

Sincerely,

Brad C. Harris, P.E.

Manager, Land-Based Systems

Attachment: SOP-13007 Final Permit

cc: Permit File

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Mr. Steve Nash, Owner, Nash Dairy Co., holsti2@att.net